



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.:	10/667,176)	Art Unit:	3721
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Title:	Preloaded Drop Hammer For Driving)		
	Piles)		

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 10/10/2007. It is believed that no fee is due at this time to maintain the application in full force and effect. However, if any such fee or charge is due, please charge this fee to Deposit Account No. 502099.

Please amend the application as described herein.

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on October 10, 2007, in connection with this case. In that Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-6, 12, and 13 under 35 USC § 102 based on U.S. Patent No. 4,421,180 to Fleishman (hereinafter the Fleishman reference) and claims 5, 6, 8, 9, 15, 18, 19, and 21 under 35 USC § 103(a) based on the combination of the Fleishman reference with U.S. Patent No. 6,102,133 to Scheid et al. (hereinafter the Scheid reference). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The Applicant respectfully submit that claims 1 and 18 recite a drop hammer and claim 13 recites a method of driving a pile in which a ram member moves within a housing member. These claims have been amended to recite first and second seals